

GUYANA

STRATEGIC FOCUS

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Caribbean Regional Office is based in Jamaica and provides direct support to Guyana, Jamaica, Barbados, and Trinidad and Tobago. Since 2004, CDC has supported HIV prevention, care, and treatment services; laboratory systems strengthening; and strategic information systems in Guyana through the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR). CDC's bilateral program in Guyana was transitioned in 2016 and became incorporated in the Caribbean Regional Office.

CDC provides public health expertise to the Government of Guyana and partners to strengthen the public health system, achieve sustained HIV epidemic control, and increase health security capacity to prevent, detect and effectively respond to health threats. Expert technical assistance and support to Guyana's National AIDS Program Secretariat (NAPS) ensures provision of quality HIV service delivery for people living with HIV (PLHIV). Sustainability efforts are ongoing to ensure continued progress to HIV epidemic control. Guyana has also leveraged capacity developed through CDC's technical expertise and support to respond to COVID-19 and other public health threats.

KEY ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

HIV Prevention, Care and Treatment: CDC is building capacity to reach the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) 95-95-95 goals and accelerate HIV epidemic control. The UNAIDS 95-95-95 targets are, by 2030: 95 percent of all PLHIV will know their HIV status; 95 percent of all people with diagnosed HIV will receive sustained antiretroviral therapy (ART); and 95 percent of all people receiving ART will have viral suppression.

- Conduct evidence-based case finding activities such as index testing and HIV self-testing initiatives.
- Implement and expand key HIV prevention services including Pre-exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP).
- Improve retention in care, including development of HIV guidelines and patient retention and recovery protocols.
- Support capacity building of staff and development of manuals to address HIV stigma and discrimination.

Enhance Laboratory Capacity: CDC is supporting continuous quality improvement towards accreditation, including strengthening human resource capacity through technical trainings in laboratory management and testing.

- Integrate HIV recency testing into surveillance data to identify HIV hotspots.
- Implement HIV Rapid Test Quality Improvement Initiative, monitor quality assurance of HIV testing, and provide external quality assurance panels to monitor HIV and related testing.
- Expand viral load testing capacity.
- Strengthen human resource capacity to enhance laboratory service provision.

Strategic Information: CDC is enhancing the availability of high quality and timely data by supporting data information systems to monitor and evaluate program interventions.

Key Country Leadership

President:
Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali

Prime Minister:
Brigadier (ret'd) Mark Philips

Minister of Health:
Dr. Frank C.S. Anthony

U.S. Ambassador:
Sarah-Ann Lynch

CDC Regional Director:
Dr. Emily Kainne Dokubo

Country Quick Facts
(worldbank.org/en/where-we-work)

Per Capita GDP:
\$9,374.80 (2021)

Population (millions):
0.79 (2021)

Under 5 Mortality:
28/1,000 live births (2020)

Life Expectancy:
70 years (2020)

Global HIV/AIDS Epidemic
(aidsinfo.unaids.org)

Estimated HIV Prevalence
(Ages 15-49): 1.3% (2020)

Estimated AIDS Deaths
(Age ≥15): <100 (2020)

Estimated Orphans Due to
AIDS: 1,700 (2020)

Reported Number Receiving
Antiretroviral Therapy (ART)
(Age ≥15): 5,792 (2020)

**Global Tuberculosis
(TB) Epidemic**
(who.int/tb/country/data/profiles/en)

Estimated TB Incidence:
79/100,000 population (2019)

TB Patients with Known HIV
Status who are HIV-Positive:
19% (2019)

TB Treatment Success Rate:
72% (2018)

Estimated TB Mortality:
18/100,000 population (2019)

DGHT Country Staff: 0
Locally Employed Staff: 0
Direct Hires: 0
Fellows & Contactors: 0

